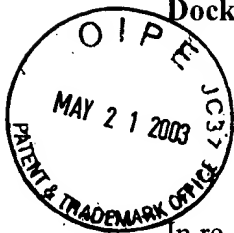


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ARRAY APPARATUS THAT OUTPUTS LASER
LIGHTS MATCHED IN WAVELENGTH AND
PHASE, MANUFACTURING METHOD
THEREFOR, AND MULTI-WAVELENGTH LASER
EMITTING APPARATUS USING SUCH HIGH-
POWER SEMICONDUCTOR LASER ARRAY
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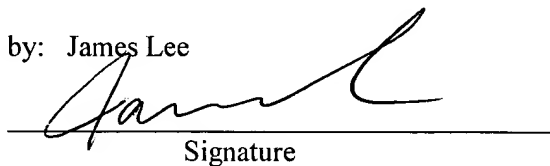
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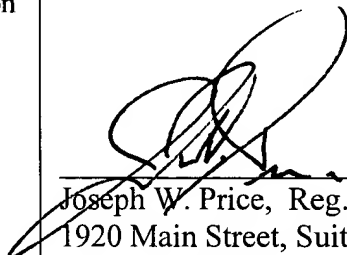


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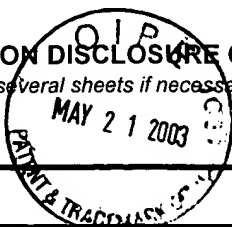


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